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THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : A copy of the report of the Andhra Pradesh Government submitted to the Southern Zonal Council was received by this Government and the views of the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) was obtained. The matter may come up for discussion before the next meeting of the Southern Zonal Council.

### *Industrial Housing Schemes*

* 354 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many industries and factories in the Madras City have constructed houses for their industrial workers in 1958–59 and what they are; and

(*b*) how many building co-operative societies in the City of Madras have constructed houses for their members in the same period and in what places?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) & (*b*) Presumably the Member refers to the construction of houses for workers under the Subsidized Industrial Housing Scheme. During 1958–59 no house was constructed under the scheme in Madras City, either by private employers or by any industrial co-operative society of workers.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, have the Government any scheme for constructing houses for the workers employed in the Government Transport Service?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : There is a proposal under consideration.

### *Industrial Housing Schemes*

* 355 *Q.*—SRI S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether the Government are aware of the acute housing problem in industrial areas in the State?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Yes, Sir.

SRI S. LAZAR : ஸார், அது போன்ற நிலைமை இருக்கும் போது அரசாங்கமே பண உதவி கொடுத்துக் கட்டப்படும் திட்டம் ஒருபுறம் இருக்க, போதிய வருமானம் உள்ள தொழிற் சாலைகளில் அவர்களே தொழிலாளர்களுக்கான வீடுகளைக் கட்டிக் கொடுக்க வேண்டுமென்ற முறையில் வற்புறுத்த அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I may be permitted to give some details about this. The Government have fourteen projects for construction of 1,248 houses at a cost of Rs. 41·2 lakhs. There are three projects before Government to build 200 tenements each in Madurai, Tiruchirappalli, and Coimbatore, at a cost of Rs. 19·8 lakhs. There are five co-operative society projects for the construction of 841 tenements, and a sum of Rs. 18·34 lakhs has

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already been sanctioned. The total sum sanctioned is Rs. 79·34 lakhs. The Government are aware that this is not adequate. The Government had already two conferences with the private employers employing more than 1,000 workers, and have insisted on their putting up at least four per cent of the houses for their workers every year. The Government hope that fifty per cent of the employees will be housed by the private employers. If adequate response is not forthcoming, the Government may have to consider the question of enacting legislation for this purpose.

*Iron and Steel.*

* 356 *Q.*—Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the quantity of iron and steel allotted to this State under non-agricultural and agricultural quota set apart by the Government of India for this year; and

(*b*) what is the cause for the scarcity of bars and rounds required for building purposes?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) A quantity of eight thousand one hundred and seventy-two (8,172) tons was allotted by the Government of India for the year 1958-59 under the Non-Agricultural quota. Under the Agricultural quota, the allotment made for that year was two thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight (2,998) tons.

(*b*) The reason is that the demands furnished by this State under Bars and Rods are not met in full by the Government of India. The Iron and Steel Controller, Calcutta plans the indents on a country-wide basis consistent with the productive capacity of the Mills and their alignment.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that when a consumer wants bars and rods for the construction of houses and applies to the Controller, he gets a negative reply. But when he approaches the blackmarketers in the City, he freely gets it. How do the Government account for this kind of inconsistency?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : There is no inconsistency. We are distributing it pro rata. Some people who get it sell it in the blackmarket.

* 357 *Q.*—Sri A. VEDARATHNAM : கனம் கைத்தொழில் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) இம்மாநிலத்திற்கு வரும் இரும்பு, எஃகு கோட்டாவில் குறிப்பிட்ட சைஸ் (ஜாய்ஸ்ட்) கர்டர்கள் வராததால் அநேகம் பள்ளி முதலிய கட்டிடங்கள் வருடக்கணக்காய் வேலை பூர்த்தியடையாமலிருக்கிறதா?